



# City of Santa Barbara

## BUILDING HEIGHT LIMITATIONS

### **Building Height Definition:** (SBMC §28.04.120)

The maximum vertical height of a building or structure at all points measured from **natural** or **finished** grade, whichever is lower. Architectural elements that do not add floor area to a building, such as chimneys, vents, antennae, and towers, are not considered a part of the height of a building, but all portions of the roof are included.

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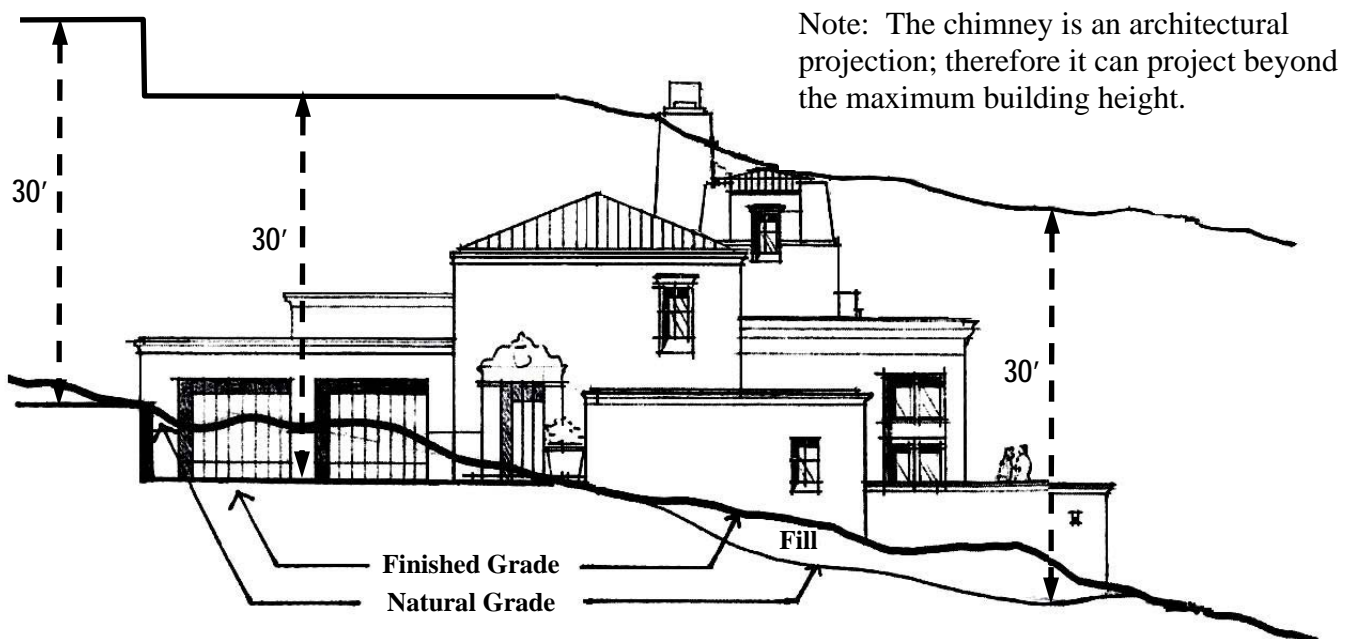
The following diagram shows how the maximum height limitation is determined. This method applies to all zones with different height limits in each zone such as:

Single & two-family zones	=	30 feet
Multiple family and all other non-residential zones except C-2, C-M, M-1 and OM-1	=	45 feet
C-2, C-M, M-1 and OM-1	=	60 feet

The following diagram shows how the maximum height limitation applies in the single, and two-family residential zones. The same concept applies to all zones, but with different height limits.

To measure the maximum allowed height of the structure, project from natural or finished grade, whichever is lower as shown.

The vertical lines represent the maximum height limit of 30'.



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